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PROCESS STREAM

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As this application was filed after June 30, 2003, and in accordance with the waiver of the requirement under 37 C.F.R. 1.98(a)(2)(i), copies of the eleven (11) U.S. patent documents on page 1 of the attached Form 1449, specifically, references A1-A11, are not enclosed.

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Further, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97(g),(h), this Information Disclosure Statement is not to be construed as a representation that a search has been made, and is not to be construed to be an admission that the information cited is, or is considered to be, material to patentability as defined in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56(b).

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	B2	EP 0 487 284	27 May 1992	EPO	C07C	53/08	Yes
	B3	EP 0 687 662	20 Dec. 1995	EPO	C07C	53/08	Yes
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